Applicant Information

Preview the Application Questions

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

Will you be over 25 years of age on or before May 31, 2020?

Yes

No
Preferred Email (Please note that this email address will be the primary form of communication.)

Phone number

Citizenship

(Please note that this is a federally-funded program and we are unable to accept students who are not U.S. citizens, nationals, or permanent residents.)

Citizen or National of the United States

Permanent Resident

Current mailing address (i.e. school address)

Street Address
Street Address
City
State
Zip Code

Primary hometown

City
State
Indicate your first, second, and third choice projects.

See the current project descriptions.

First Choice

Second Choice

Third Choice

Demographic Information

Race

Select all that apply

American Indian or Alaskan Native
Asian
Black or African American
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
White
Prefer Not to Respond

Ethnicity

Select all that apply

Hispanic or Latino
Not Hispanic or Latino
Unknown
Prefer Not to Respond
Gender

Female
Male
Non-binary

Veteran Status

A veteran is "a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable" (38 CRF).

Female
Male
Non-binary

Do you have a disability (hearing, visual, mobility, other) that might affect your participation in this project?

Disability will not disqualify you from being selected for this program.

Yes
No

Please provide us with some details on the nature of your disability and if there are any limitations that you feel we should know about in regards to your participation in this project.
Do you speak Spanish?

Yes
No

At what level do you speak Spanish?

Beginner/Elementary Proficiency
Intermediate/Limited Proficiency
Advanced Intermediate/General Proficiency
Advanced/High Proficiency
Native Speaker

Do you have a passport that is valid until at least September 2020?

If selected for this program you will need a valid passport to participate.

Yes
No

Education

Current college or university
Type of College/University

Community College or Other 2-Year Institution
Technical College
Liberal Arts College (4-year institution that ONLY offers B.A.)
Undergraduate Only (4-year institution that ONLY offers B.A. and B.S.)
Comprehensive University (institution that offers undergraduate degrees and master's degrees, but NOT PhDs)
Research University (institution that offers undergraduate degrees, master's degrees, and PhDs)

Degree Program at This College/University

Associate's degree
Bachelor's degree
Other degree
None of the above, I am just taking courses

Enrollment Status at This College/University

Full-time
Part-time

Current Class Standing at This College/University

Freshman
Sophomore
Junior
Senior
Fifth year or above
Other, please explain:
Expected Date of Bachelor’s Degree Completion

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Please Select:

Are you transferring to a different college or university in Fall 2020?

Yes
No

College or university you plan to attend in Fall 2020

Is the institution you currently attend or the institution to which you will transfer in the fall a Hispanic-Serving Institution?

Find the most recent listing of Hispanic-Serving Institutions [here](#).

Yes
No

Academic Major(s)

Academic Minor(s) (if applicable)
Grade Point Average (on a 4.0 scale)

Grade Point Average for the courses specific to your major (on a 4.0 scale)

If your school does not calculate this for you, there are many GPA calculators available online. You can find one here.

Please provide us with any information regarding your GPA that you think will help us in evaluating your application (e.g. particularly good or bad semesters, anything else you think is relevant).

Financial

Are you a Pell Grant recipient?

Yes
No

Are you currently eligible to receive financial aid?

Yes
No
With regard to financial aid, are you considered a dependent of your parent(s) or guardian(s)?

Yes  
No

How are you financing your education?

Select all that apply

When answering this question, please consider the financing for the cost of tuition, room and board, fees, books, and supplies.

Financial assistance from parents, spouse, other relatives, not to be repaid
Financial assistance from your employer
Financial assistance from the Veterans Educational Assistance Act
Loans from parents or other relatives, to be repaid
Loans from the school you attended, banks, federal or state government
Tuition waivers, fellowships, grants, scholarships
Assistantships or work study
Earnings from employment
Personal savings
Other (please specify)

What is the highest grade or degree your mother (or other primary guardian) completed?

What is the highest grade or degree your father (or other primary guardian) completed?
Indicate your parents’ or guardians’ occupations (e.g. lawyer, teacher, office manager, homemaker, etc.).

Mother or primary guardian occupation
Father or other primary guardian occupation

**Interests and Experiences**

Please tell us some of your academic interests.

Do you have any previous experience with research as an undergraduate? If yes, please elaborate.

Are there any other experiences (either school-related or otherwise) that you feel are important for us to know about?

Are there any specific skills (computer, laboratory, field, etc.) that you feel you will bring to the project?
Are you a member of any relevant national organizations? If yes, please list.
E.g. Geological Society of America (GSA), Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS), etc.

Please list any honors or awards that you feel are relevant to your application.

**Long Responses**

**Why are you interested in this REU?**

This question has a maximum length of 6000 characters, including spaces.

What are your academic and professional goals? How will your participation in this project help you to achieve these goals?
Tell us about a significant experience where you were challenged and learned something new – maybe something in school, work, or your personal life. What were the challenges you faced, how did you overcome them, and what did you take away from the experience?

Additional Information

What are your existing time commitments that would affect your participation in this program, if any?

See this year’s [program dates](#).

Please note that this is a full-time program, and you will be working approximately 40 hours per week.
How did you hear about this REU?

Select all that apply

- National Science Foundation (NSF) website
- Northern Illinois University (NIU) website
- Professor, academic advisor, or other faculty member (please specify)
- Friend or classmate (please specify)
- Job board (please specify)
- Other

Have you previously participated in a National Science Foundation-funded REU?

- Yes
- No

Please list the site name of the REU in which you previously participated.


Is there anything else you would like us to know?


Resume or CV

Upload your resume or CV as a PDF file no larger than 100MB.
Please save your file with the name LastName_Resume. For example, Melissa Lenczewski's resume would be called Lenczewski_Resume.

Transcript(s) (unofficial)

Upload your unofficial transcript(s) as a PDF file no larger than 100MB.
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